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REMARKS

In the Office Action the Examiner noted that claims 1-10 are pending in the application, and the Examiner rejected all claims. By this Amendment, claims 1-10 have been amended. No new matter has been presented. Therefore, claims 1-10 remain pending in the application. The Examiner's rejections are traversed below, and reconsideration of all rejected claims is respectfully requested.

Claim Objections

In item 2 on page 2 of the Office Action the Examiner objected to claims 1, 2, 4, 6, 8, 9, and 10, alleging and citing various informalities in the claim language.

By this Amendment, claims 1, 2, 4, 6, 8, 9, and 10 have been amended, and no longer include the language in the form objected to by the Examiner. Therefore, the Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the Examiner's objections of claims 1, 2, 4, 6, 8, 9, and 10.

Claim Rejections Under 35 USC §101

In item 6 on page 4 of the Office Action the Examiner rejected claims 1-3 under 35 U.S.C. §101, alleging the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter.

By this Amendment, claims 1-3 have been amended and no longer include the language in the form rejected by the Examiner. Therefore, the Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the Examiner's §101 rejections of claims 1-3.

Claim Rejections Under 35 USC §112

In item 4 on page 3 of the Office Action the Examiner rejected claims 1-10 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the Applicants regard as the invention.

By this Amendment, claims 1-10 have been amended and no longer include the language in the form rejected by the Examiner. Therefore, the Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the Examiner's §112, second paragraph rejections of claims 1-10.

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Allowable Subject Matter

In item 7 on page 4 of the Office Action the Examiner objected to claims 4-10, but indicated that these claims would be allowable if amended to overcome the rejections and objections set forth in the Office Action.

By this Amendment, claims 4-10 have been amended and no longer include the language in the form rejected or objected to by the Examiner. Therefore, the Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the Examiner's rejections of, and objections to, claims 4-10.

Summary

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 1-10 have been amended. No new matter has been presented. Thus, claims 1-10 remain pending and under consideration.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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